

GOVERNMENT OWNED

Efficient Management of Great Public Owned Utility Results in Big Surplus. 16,350 Miles of Telephone in Operation. 21,812 Subscribers Have Been Served. Surplus For 1912 Exceeds \$62,000. System is Worth \$5,728,288.

Alberta's Government Owned Telephone System

Net profit from operation in 1912 \$62,352
Net profit in six years 1907-1912 161,582
Earnings during 1912 in ratio to capital employed 12.1 per cent.
Miles of line in operation Dec. 31st, 1912 21,812
Subscribers at Dec. 31st, 1912 21,812
Total value of plant Dec. 31st, 1912 \$5,728,288
Estimated appropriation for extensions during 1913 2,000,000

The Government owned telephone system of Alberta yielded a surplus of receipts over operation and maintenance expenses during 1912 of \$62,352, while the earning capacity of the system on a basis of the capital expenditure amounted to 12.1 per cent. In the six years 1907-1912 the system has yielded a profit of 161,582.

Extensions For 1913.
An appropriation of \$2,000,000 for telephone extensions in Alberta during 1913 will be asked from the Legislature. Estimates have been prepared by W. J. Harmer, deputy minister of telephones, which show estimated expenditures on rural lines, \$900,000, or an increase of more than \$300,000 over last year, for exchanges, \$700,000, also an increase of \$200,000 over last year, and \$400,000 on long distance lines. Long distance construction will not be quite so heavy as last year, when there was completed which will meet requirements for the province for some time to come.

16,350 Miles Line.
At the close of last year there were in operation in the province 6,639 miles of toll lines and 24,727 miles of rural lines, connecting 7,49 rural subscribers and giving service to 11,324 exchange subscribers. Total mileage has been increased in four years since service took over from the private which had been operating in the province for 18 years, from 1,455 wire miles, connecting 73 offices, to 6,639 miles, connecting 21,812 offices, there has been an increase of 5,184 miles, or 354 per cent. On rural lines the amount of wire miles was almost doubled during the year, from 11,324 to 24,727 miles constructed against 4,325 in operation at the beginning of the year. The increase of 2,152 miles during the year 2,316 new rural miles were added to the 11,324 miles in operation at the beginning of the year. The increase in the number of rural subscribers was 88 per cent, and in exchange subscribers 59 per cent. The total increase for the year was 1,352 miles, or 10 per cent. The total increase in wire miles was 6,639 miles, or 457 per cent.

A Record Year.
The past year 1912 was the biggest construction year on record. During 1912 there were constructed 2,316 wire miles in long distance lines, representing an increase on previous total wire miles in operation of 2,152 miles. On rural lines the amount of wire miles was almost doubled during the year, from 11,324 to 24,727 miles constructed against 4,325 in operation at the beginning of the year. The increase of 2,152 miles during the year 2,316 new rural miles were added to the 11,324 miles in operation at the beginning of the year. The increase in the number of rural subscribers was 88 per cent, and in exchange subscribers 59 per cent. The total increase for the year was 1,352 miles, or 10 per cent. The total increase in wire miles was 6,639 miles, or 457 per cent.

City Has Agreed to Loan \$395,000 From Sinking Funds

Sinking Fund Board Submits Report to City Council Covering Loans Bearing 6 1/2 Per Cent. Interest Authorised on Big Buildings in the City.

According to the annual report of the sinking fund board submitted to city council Tuesday night, loans amounting to \$114,000 have been authorized by the board. The members of this board are Ald. Douglas, chairman, representing the council and T. M. Turnbull and E. J. McLeod, named by the supreme court judge. The sinking funds are those monies set aside by the city to repay debentures.

The sinking fund board has held eleven meetings during the year ended October 31st, 1912, and have considered eleven applications for loans from the sinking funds amounting to the aggregate of \$114,000, of which the following applications have been granted and for the amounts named:

L. A. Goodridge	\$40,000.00
Alberta College	\$40,000.00
M. J. Murray	\$40,000.00
John Cook	\$30,000.00
Lee & Gies, Builders	\$40,000.00
A. B. Potter	\$50,000.00
Douglas Co. Limited	\$50,000.00
Edmonton Cold Storage Co.	\$50,000.00
Total	\$395,000.00

All the above loans bear interest at 6 1/2 per cent. per annum and each case is within the prescribed limit of 50 per cent. of the value of the property. The sinking fund monies which have been duly executed and released.

The practice followed by the board

is that when a loan has been granted and the proper sums advanced of the sinking fund, the board has been made, the sum is advanced from time to time as building progress is made. The architect estimates 80 per cent. of the value of the work done, and the balance of 20 per cent. is made the following amount statements are required:

1. To the architect as to the value and completion of the building.
2. The owner as to the value and date of completion.
3. The contractor as to the satisfaction of all liens.

The city building inspector in confirmation of the final value of the building.

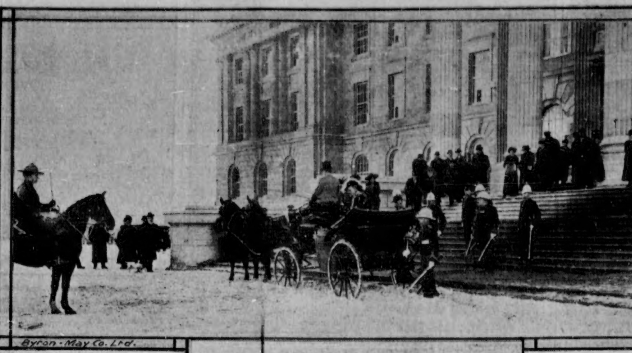
To complete the board's obligation under the above mentioned loans will absorb a considerable portion of next year's sinking fund, and the board are of opinion that before granting further loans no measure is desirable to part a portion of next year's funds into other first class securities.

Immigration Land at Landing.

At the Landing, Feb. 12.—In an attempt to telegraphically communicate with the Board of Trade, regarding the sinking fund, a call of trouble at this point, a letter has been received from the Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of immigration, for Edmonton, stating that such a building will be completed by the end of the month, and that the Landing in the immediate future.

TELEPHONES HAVE NETTED THE PROVINCE \$407,592

Scenes at the Opening of the Legislative Assembly Tuesday



LORD MAYOR OF LONDON OPENS FUND FOR THE SCOTT MEMORIAL

Announcement is Made of Opening of Memorial House Fund for Sir Robert Scott, Late of the Royal Navy, Who Died of the Fatigue of His Expedition to the North Pole.

London, Feb. 12.—The Lord Mayor of London announced today the opening of a "Memorial House" fund for the erection of a memorial to Captain Robert F. Scott and his companions, who died in the Antarctic.

Not Yet Communicated With.
Hon. J. H. Scott, 12.—At the opening of the fund, the Lord Mayor announced that the fund was for the erection of a memorial to Captain Robert F. Scott and his companions, who died in the Antarctic.

Wellington, N.Z., Feb. 12.—The news of the death of Captain Scott and his comrades has come as a great shock to the people of New Zealand, who have eagerly awaiting the return of the explorer and his party.

Mr. Wilson, wife of Dr. Edward A. Wilson, chief of the scientific staff of the Scott expedition, who met his death with Captain Scott, has been in New Zealand for some time, awaiting the return of his husband's return.

Death of Lord Mayor.
London, Feb. 12.—In all the pages of history which brighten the history of England, there is few that are more heroic than the tale of the death of Lawrence Edward Scott, who was killed in the Antarctic expedition.

IS NO POVERTY AMONG PEACE RIVER SETTLERS

Men Who Went North Five Years Ago Who Are Now Going to Be Well-to-do Farmers, and They Are Not Compelled to Undergo Hardships.

P. E. Johnson, of Spirit River, the Peace River country, thinks that many people have formed a wrong impression as to the real condition of affairs in the north.

There is very little sickness or disease of any kind. The use of so much surface water for drinking purposes has not been accompanied by any serious results. Last year only one case of typhoid fever was reported, and that was in a railroad camp.

Mr. Johnson has lived in Spirit River for thirteen months. Next year he will have 16 acres of his homestead under cultivation.

Requires Three-Fifths Majority.
Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—It requires three-fifths majority vote of the people to carry the water district by-law in the north.

On the day of Amundsen's triumph, that of December 14th, 1911, when he and his men reached the South Pole, Scott was still struggling south under the most discouraging conditions.

REBELS FIRE ON THE BRITISH LEGATION

Rebels Fire on the British Legation in Mexico City, Feb. 12.—The Federal troops re-opened the battle in the streets of the Mexican capital at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, with a light artillery fire.

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FIERCE BATTLE TAKES PLACE IN CITY OF MEXICO

Federal and Rebel Troops in Engagement in Heart of the Business Section

REBELS FIRE ON THE BRITISH LEGATION
Federal Guns are Mounted on Y.M.C.A. and other Buildings of the City

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—The Federal troops re-opened the battle in the streets of the Mexican capital at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, with a light artillery fire. The action soon became general, the artillery on both sides engaging bravely to play. The cannon was incessantly firing, the rebels firing from the machine gun, while the infantry came into action with swords and individual shooting.

The rebels under Felix Diaz started advancing from the center of the city at quarter to five. They seemingly are employing the same tactics as they did yesterday. They directed their fire toward the National Palace, and toward the British Legation in the center of the business district, on the corner of the Federal Legation. The rebels are mounted and Federal infantry are posted.

The Mutual Life Insurance building was set on fire at eight o'clock by the rebels. A fire engine was sent to the scene, but the fire was too far advanced to be extinguished. A shell fell from the sky, striking the building, and the fire spread to the corner of the building. The fire was extinguished by the fire engine.

Alfonso Miranda, one of the Zapatista leaders, entered the capital last night, with three hundred of his followers, by many streets. The British Legation is under fire from the rebels, and a battery of Federal artillery has been placed close to it as a protection.

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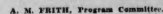
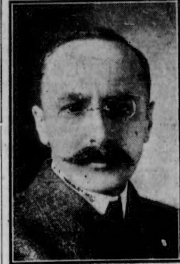
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THREE HAVE SURLUSSES
AND THREE DEFICITS

Electric Light Department Saved the Situation—City Audit- ors Report

The annual report of City Auditor Richardson was presented to the city council Tuesday night. "Everything was found correct," says Mr. Richardson, which means that there were no sensational discoveries of any kind. The auditor sums up the standing of the various departments in the following way:

General Fund Revenue Account.—There was a deficit for the year of \$16,886.72, and after deducting the surplus of the previous year as adjusted, there is a net deficit of \$16,886.72. The total expenditure for the year was \$359,975.35, while the total revenue excluding the estimated revenue was \$313,088.52. The estimated revenue was \$46,886.83. The total expenditure for the parks department for the year was \$258,746.90, but the rate actually levied provided for \$427,800.00. The estimate of the assessor's department was \$258,746.90. The rate actually levied included \$25,815.90 for that department. The special taxes levied on the South Side fell short of the annual debenture charges of \$1,000.00. The total deficit for the year was \$16,886.72. The necessity of inquiry as to the special assessments made by the late City of Strathcona.

The detailed statement of unexpended debenture funds shows the sum of \$1,164,964.94. The statement of capital and other expenditure, pending capitalization, shows the sum of \$2,259,363.94. The sum of these two funds have not been provided. The authority for these expenditures, where such exists, is shown in the statement, as also the debenture as thereon, and unaid, which, as against these specific items of expenditure, total \$1,567,266.94.

The following table shows, under by-accounts, the sum of \$1,164,964.94, by \$37,359 (Strothebach), 377,257, 222,370, 378,259, 303,365, 367,254 (Edmondson), have been exceeded by \$1,164,964.94. The sum of these expenditures in some instances are

Good Looks and Good Temper

A Chat With Our Lady Readers.

Have you ever noticed how miserable and unhappy the little pains and aches are? A stinging cut, a newly sharpened hand, a nasty burn, a sore foot, a poisoned finger—none of them wounds or ailments ever likely to cause serious trouble, but bad enough to put an edge on one's temper, and make one "grutch."

Take this advice. When in pain from any of these everyday evils, just use Zam-Luk. As soon as you put it on to a sore, a cut, a burn, or any skin injury, it stops the pain, soothes the irritation, and starts up healing. Don't think that because Zam-Luk is so widely used by medical men, by surgeons, and for serious skin diseases and accidents it is only for serious cases. Keep it handy in your kitchen, the automobile, and use it immediately after any injury or have some very

Dr. Chas. H. Barrett, Harmony, Ind., Truro, N.B., says: "I had an agonizing toe nail, which caused me much misery. Sometimes the pain was so severe, I could not sleep. I tried all the remedies I could get, but nothing had set in. I was advised to try Zam-Buk, and bound up the toe with it. In a few days it was much easier, and I continued the treatment. In a few days the nail was gone, and I have no more trouble with it. I strongly recommend Zam-Buk to every housewife."

Zam-Buk is just the thing, too, for the children. Pure in its composition, it is a perfect skin cleanser, and is for the most delicate skin. It cures piles, eczema, varicose ulcers, old sores, abscesses, blood-poisoning, and all similar skin diseases. It is sold in a 50c. box, and a 10c. box. Write for a free trial box, and a full postal free from Zam-Buk Co., Toronto, upon receipt of price.

"AD" CLUB SLEW OGRE DIGNITY

Newly Organized Business Men's Club Holds Its First Annual Meeting

300 ATTENDED OBSEQUIES OF "KILL-OPTIMISM"

New Organization's Principal Object is Scientific Study of Advertising

With great vigor and unanimity of opinion the ogre Dignity, that chilling influence that kills optimism and goodfellowship, was condemned to death and slain by some three hundred members and friends of the Edmonton Ad. Club at their first lun-

cheon held yesterday noon in Blue Moon Tea-rooms, on Rice street.



A black and white portrait of a man with short, dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The portrait is framed by a simple black border.

F. G. McDERMID, President.

"Organized Optimism" is the key-word of the club, and its objects are to boost everything that is good and protect the business interests of Edmonton business men. So the luncheon today was to start the club along its way by getting acquainted.

Here is the way in which the program described the reason for the luncheon:

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At 1.10 back to the boss.
The same being a nervous little effort to get the job done, we get well carried through with the honey of Optimism and Good-Fellowship. When you have read the far shake hands with that stranger and tell him that you're a fellow of the same, a clothing dump at 11, you're boss of W-44, and your telephone number is 11-44. Make him dig up the mama.

Be a Joy!—Not a Gloom.
Don't worry about the stranger than you are. If he picks up a pocket, tell Mack—he's fixed it with Joy'ds; take a chance.

This thing will go on more or less every day of the month of May every month until Carpenter gets next.

Be on time; if you're late you'll get no soup.

There was good of the Keatons' program to slip up the printing of the program without paying a bean.

George Scott is a bully good booster and knows slathers about ink and such things.

Doan's,

\$2.10—Lap up the Goodies Mother Forsythe fixed. (Listen but for

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the love of Mike don't stop eating).

12. 11—Cello Solo—(Selected) Gordon Shaw, 515 Namayo avenue.

12. 15—Teasdale—that's all.

12. 20—A few Irish "bulls," stired by Paddy Dunne, of the District Court.

12. 25—Impersonation of Raymond Hitchcock, W. F. Pillar, C.N.R. Express.

12. 30—Solo : "The Drum Major," N. J. Spargo, of Johnstone Walker Co.

12. 35—Cut it out now, wipe your

RESEARCH DESIGN

IN THE
GREAT
SALE

Which we have been inaugurating and which will last until the 25th of this month; many people in Edmonton have taken advantage of the extra cut prices in the high grade pianos that they are sure to obtain in our store.

As you cross the threshold of the Mason & Risch store, you experience a satisfaction of knowing that whichever musical instrument you may select will be the very finest of its type, and, what is equally important, that its price will be lower than such quality would command in any other music store in Canada.

A demonstration is given as a proof of this: When you can buy a Mason & Risch piano regularly sold at \$900 for \$480; when you can buy a Steinbach Concert Grand Piano, regularly sold at \$1500.00 for \$349.00; when you can buy a Kreisel Piano, regularly sold at \$400.00 for \$317.00; when you can buy a No. 1 Weber Piano, never sold for less than \$400.00 for \$295.00.

We have several used instruments, including one Technola Pianola Piano; this is regularly sold for \$750.00; will go in this sale for \$475.00.



REMEMBER: We are not desirous of making this sale a paying proposition. As this month is the last month in our business year, we are giving the public an opportunity to obtain a piano for, in many cases, below cost of manufacture, and at the same time give us an opportunity to install an entire new stock for the beginning of a new year.

REMEMBER: That a small cash payment down and a small monthly payment will do.

NOTICE: A piano case and stool will be delivered with each piano sold.



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